

Registration Clark Fork River Basin Ground Water Policy Conference

November 9, 2006

The University of Montana
University Center Theater

Convened by
The Clark Fork River Basin Task Force

The University of Montana
Department of Geography
And

The Montana Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation

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Registration Fee: \$25 per person

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UM Department of Geography

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Ground Water Policy Conference
Department of Geography
Social Science Building 203
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University of Montana
Missoula, MT 59812-5040

Why attend this conference?

Ground water is increasingly important as a source for new water uses in the Clark Fork basin. This conference is designed to allow government entities and water users to exchange information and concerns about the basin's ground water and its management.

Conference objectives

- Examine trends in the basin's demographics and economy and how these trends may impact water use.
- Identify current and future water supply future water supply demands, concerns, challenges and alternatives.
- Discuss policy and administrative tools for allocating ground water while protecting surface water conditions.

Who should attend?

Local, state, and Tribal government officials and water users/water interests facing decisions involving water allocation, including:

- County commissioners and planners
- Planning board members
- Well drillers
- Realtors
- City planners
- Builders
- Irrigation district officials
- Academics
- DEQ staff

How to Register

To registration, please see the enclosed form, or go to:

<http://www.umt.edu/geography/news.html> or
www.dnrc.mt.gov.wrd

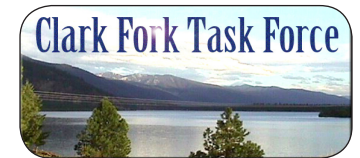


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Conference Agenda

7:30 AM - Registration

8:15 AM - Welcome

8:30 AM - Clark Fork Basin Economic and Demographic Trends by Dr. Larry Swanson, Center for the Rocky Mountain West, UM.

9:45 AM - Effect of Population and Economic Growth in the West on Water Use by Robert Glennon, Professor of Law and Public Policy, University of Arizona.

10:45 AM - Water Supply Assessment 1, Basin local government and Tribal elected officials will discuss present and future water supply demands, concerns, challenges and alternatives.

Noon - Lunch, Hal Harper

1:00 PM - Water Supply Assessment 2, Basin local government planners will continue the discussion of present and future water supply demands, concerns, challenges and alternatives.

2:15 PM - Water Supply Assessment 3, Basin water users/interests will continue the discussion of present and future water supply demands, concerns, challenges and alternatives.

3:45 PM - Policy and Administrative Tools, Dr. David Shively, UM Department of Geography, and Mike McLane, DNRC, will discuss policy and administrative tools for allocating ground water while protecting surface water conditions.

4:30 PM - Conference Wrap Up

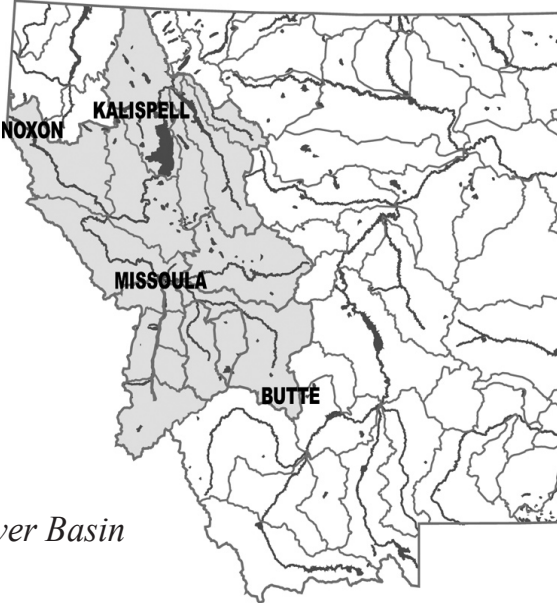
5:00 PM - Adjourn

Conference speakers

Robert Glennon is the Morris K. Udall Professor of Law and Public Policy at the University of Arizona College of Law. He is the author of many articles on Western water issues, including groundwater mining, water scarcity, water marketing, and others. His recent (2002) book is *Water Follies: Groundwater Pumping and the Fate of America’s Fresh Waters*.

Dr. Larry Swanson directs the Center for the Rocky Mountain West at The University of Montana and leads Center work on the region’s economy.

Hal Harper is the Chief Policy Advisor for Governor Schweitzer. He is a former Speaker and 26 year member of the Montana House of Representatives. During his legislative tenure, he chaired the Legislature’s Water Policy Committee and sponsored numerous water bills that related to out-of-state transport, measuring devices, stream restoration, watersheds, illegal fish introduction and control of whirling disease.



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Panel Participants

Greg Chilcott, Chairman Ravalli County Commission

Matt Clifford, Clark Fork Coalition

Arvid Hiller, General Manager, Mountain Water Company

Steve Hughes, Flathead Irrigation District

Randy Ingram, Mayor of Polson

Gail Jones, Chair Powell County Commission

Louis LaRock, Mayor, Thompson Falls

Dan Miles, Sanders County Planner

Pat O’Herren, Missoula County Senior Planner, Rural Initiatives

Collin Bangs, Government Affairs Core Group, Montana Association of Realtors

Harry Poett, Blackfoot Valley

Jon Sesso, Butte-Sliver Bow Planner and House District 76 Representative

Paddy Trussler, Chairman Lake County Commission

Clark Fork Task Force

The Task Force is a statutorily created basin water management group charged first with developing and then with implementing a water management plan for the Clark Fork River Basin in Montana. Members of the Task Force include:

- Matt Clifford, Clark Fork Coalition
- Elna Darrow, Flathead Basin Commission
- Jim Dinsmore, Granite Conservation District and Upper Clark Fork River Basin Steering Committee
- Holly Franz, PPL Montana
- Harvey Hackett, Bitter Root Water Forum
- Nate Hall, Avista
- Arvid Hiller, Mountain Water Company
- Fred Lurie, Blackfoot Challenge
- Gail Patton, Sanders County Commissioner
- Bill Slack, Flathead Irrigation District Joint Board of Control
- Marc Spratt, RLK Hydro and Flathead Conservation District
- James Steele, Jr., Chairman, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Indian Tribes

- Ex Officio Members include:
- Rep. Verdell Jackson, House District 6
 - Rep. Joey Jayne, House District 15
 - Sen. Jim Shockley, Senate District 45

The UM Department of Geography

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